Name of the Bank	No. of Branches
(1)	(2)
Bank of Maharashtra	2 (including one Service Branch)
Canara Bank	5
Central Bank of India	2
Dena Bank	1 (Service Branch)
Punjab National Bank	28 (including 20 branches of erstwhile New Bank of India)
Punjab & Sind Bank	8
Syndicate Bank	35
United Bank of India	2
UCO Bank	3 (including 1 Service Branch)
Vijaya Bank	1

(b) Banks have taken appropriate remedial steps which include reduction in non-performing assets, redeployment of staff and improving asset management.

LOSSES SUFFERED BY ANDHRA BANK FINANCIAL SERVICES

2601. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Bank Financial Services Limited has suffered heavy financial loss due to non-transfer to its name the genuine security furnished by the Fair Growth Financial Services Limited;

(b) if so, what is the total loss suffered by the bank on this account;

(c) what are the reasons for not transferring to its name the security furnished by the Fair Growth Financial Services Limited; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) Fair growth Financial Services Limited (FGFSL) is a notified company under the Special Court (Trial of Offences relating to Transactions in Securities) Act, 1992. Reserve Bank of India has reported that Andhra Bank Financial Services Ltd. (ABFSL) to whom the securities with the then estimated value of Rs. 213.88 crores were furnished by FGFSL has filed a petition in the Special Court seeking permission to deal with and dispose off the securities given by FGFSL for realisation of their dues and the matter is, therefore, subjudice. The loss, if any, suffered by ABFSL in this regard, can be quantified only after the matter is decided by the Court.

काले धन का अनुमान

2602. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 2 नवम्बर, 1993 के "हिन्दू" के दिल्ली संस्करण में "ब्लैक मनी, ए नेशनल कैन्सर" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार के अनुमान के अनुसार काले धन की माला क्या है;

(ग) यह काला धन किस अवधि के दौरान जमा किया गया तथा उसका उपयोग किन-किन प्रयोजनों के लिए किया गया है; और

(घ) क्या सरकार ने उपयुक्त समाचार में व्यक्त किए गए विचारों तथा काले धन को रोकने तथा विकासात्मक गतिविधियों में उसके उपयोग के संबंध में दिए गए सुझावों पर विचार किया है, और यदि हां, तो सरकार उन सुझावों पर अमल करने का विचार रखती है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम.वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) सरकार को इस प्रकार के किसी समाचार की जानकारी नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) काले धन के उत्पन्न होने के बारे में सरकार द्वारा हाल में कोई सरकारी आकलन नहीं किया गया है, परन्तु राष्ट्रीय लोक वित्त एवं नीति संस्थान द्वारा किए गए एक अध्ययन के अनुसार वर्ष 1983-84 के दौरान काले धन की रकम 31,584 करोड़ रु. और 36,786 करोड़ रु. के बीच आंकी गई थी ।

(घ) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

STRIKE BY EMPLOYEES OF REGIONAL RURAL BANKS

2603. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether employees of the regional rural banks all over the country have observed one day strike on the 13th December, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to take some measures to ensure that such strike by employees of Regional Rural Banks is not repeated in future; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) All India Regional Rural Bank Employees' Association had given a call for observance of one day's token strike on 13-12-1993 demanding inter-alia formation of a National Rural Bank of India (NRBI). The Regional Rural Bank employees during their strike calls in the recent past have also been demanding inter-alia the following :

(i) Early constitution of National Rural Bank (NRB)

(ii) Payment of Arrears

(iii) Immediate Wage Revision

(iv) Pension in addition to CPF and Gratuity

(v) Halt to the move of Government for privatisation of Banks, Insurance Companies and other Financial Instutions

(vi) Bonus for all.

(c) and (d) On receiving notices of such strikes, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) advises all RRBs of the various steps to be taken for smooth functioning of RRBs. As regards employees's demand for formation of NRBI, Government initiated a process of consultation for restructuring of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). A number of alternative models have been considered in consultation with NABARD and Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Finance Minister also held a meeting on 7-10-1993 in New Delhi with Members of Parliament from different political parties to solicit their opinion. No decision, however, has been taken about the restructuring of RRBs.

As regards payment of arrears to employees on account of the implementation of the National Industrial Tribunal (NIT) Award, the RRBs have not been able to pay the same due to their weak financial position. Other demands, such as immediate wage revision, pension in